

Comment on proceeding for 02-230

I am writing this to voice my opinion the Motion Pictures Association of America interest in using a partial hardware solution to prevent illegal trading of their material. While I agree with them in principal I cannot and will not agree with them taking away my fair use rights. I know of some people who download illegal copies of movies but these people only use these copies for the purpose of seeing if they want to spend the money on legal copies, I know they don't represent the whole community that watches the illegal copies. People watch the same movie only once in a while unlike CD's that people play constantly for a day or more. From that pattern people may be less inclined to make and keep illegal copies, it would be far easier to borrow a legal copy from a friend. All that I see their move will do is a try at extorting the public out of more money than they already do. What they want to do would prevent me from making a copy of a show that I can watch when ever I can even to the point of watching only a part of it at a time. It would event prevent teachers from lending it to students in class to watch at their own time. Both of these actions fall under the fair use rights but as I see it are threatened to be taken away if you side with the motion picture people. The only thing they want is going to do is to create an underground demand for devices to circumvent those protections an infringe the fair rights of the everyday people. Might I suggest stop being so cozy to the entertainment industry and look into why the music industry extorts \$10+ per CD for music that is over ten years old when I can assemble the same material for the CD for under \$2.

Sincerely

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